

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the following new heading and paragraph following the Title of the Invention on page 1 of the application:

### **--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Number 09/901,562, which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 11, 2001 and is hereby entirely incorporated by reference. This application is also based upon and claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-211593 and 2000-210957, which were both filed on July 12, 2000 and are hereby entirely incorporated by reference. --

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following, wherein deleted material is shown by strikethrough:

-- In a cup-type beverage vending machine ~~according to the present invention~~, during conveyance of a beverage-filled cup to a product taking-out position and when the cup does not reach the product taking-out position, a pivot arm is supported by a support roller and a cup on a cup stage is held by a holder. When the cup reaches the product taking-out position, a lower edge of the pivot arm is released from the support roller and the pivot arm and the holder are pivoted downward. Consequently, the holder is spaced downward apart from a front surface of the cup, which allows a customer to easily take out the cup. --